527. [*Transferred to the 29th July, 1986*]

Killing of Rhinos at Kaziranga

528. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAMNARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poachers have been indiscriminately killing Rhinos at Kaziranga without any check;

(b) if so, what is the number of Rhinos killed by the poachers at Kaziranga since 1981, year-wise; and

(c) what precise measures have been taken by Government to identify and to liquidate the gang engaged in the illegal killing of Rhinos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) On the basis of figures given by the State Government, the number of Rhinos killed by the poachers at Kaziranga since 1981 are as follows:—

1981	25
1982	22
1983	36
1984	25
1985	41
1986 (upto 15-7-1986).	20

(c) State Government of Assam has posted extra staff of police and Home Guards in addition to the existing Forest Guards at Kaziranga to strengthen the anti-poaching efforts. To assist the State Government in this regard, a new centrally sponsored scheme has been formulated during the VII Plan period with an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore to control the poaching problem in the State.

Theft of Secret Defence Files from Bharat Electronics, Bangalore

529. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Free Press Journal' of 2nd June, 1986 regarding theft of defence files from the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the newsitem captioned 'Defence files being stolen from BEL' published in the "Free Press Journal" of 2nd June, 1986, which, in fact, refers to secret defence documents of BEL being photo-copied or typed by private parties.

(b) BEL has not reported any theft of a defence file. The work of photo-copying and typing given on sub-contract basis to private parties related to documents of unclassified nature.

(c) Instructions have already been issued to discontinue the practice of giving even unclassified documents for typing or photo-copying outside BEL premises.

Use of Stinger Missiles by Pakistan in Siachen

530. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention